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SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (015838): Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to develop a program for K-12 schools that teaches students methods of nonviolent conflict resolution in collaboration with community organizations by January 1, 2023.

Requires the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) to provide various members and committees of the General Assembly biannually with incident-level data on gun-related crime that occurs within the state in order to identify and track areas with the highest per capita gun violence.

Encourages the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DLWD) to create a youth employment program that includes training on the skills needed for employment, including nonviolent conflict resolution by January 1, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

The Department of Education

- The DOE is required to develop a program for K-12 schools to teach students strategies and methods of nonviolent conflict resolution.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 49-6-1007(a), the course of instruction in all public schools must include character education to develop positive values and become good citizens; public schools are also 'urged to include the use of nonviolence as a means of conflict resolution within character education'. Based on information provided by DOE, existing curriculum developed by the department and Local Education Agencies in accordance with these existing requirements will enable DOE to meet the new requirement without the need for additional resources.

The Department of Labor and Workforce Development

- The DLWD is encouraged to create a youth employment program that includes training on the skills needed for employment, including nonviolent conflict resolution.

- Among other adjacent initiatives, the DLWD administers a youth program as part of the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA), which is a federal program that was enacted in 2014.
- The DLWD WOIA Youth Program offers a wide range of services to eligible participants between the ages of 14-24 that includes occupational skills training, education, tutoring, mentoring, comprehensive guidance and counseling, and more.
- Although nonviolent conflict resolution is not currently listed as a specific area of focus, it is assumed that the teaching of such methods could be incorporated into existing services available through the WOIA Youth Program without a need for additional state resources; therefore, any fiscal impact to DLWD to meet the requirements of this legislation is estimated to be not significant.

Tennessee Bureau of Investigation

- The TBI is required to provide various members and committees of the General Assembly biannually with incident-level data on gun-related crime that occurs within the state.
- All local law enforcement agencies across the state are currently required to participate in a crime data sharing program managed by the TBI known as the Tennessee Incident Based Reporting System, or TIBRS.
- As part of this participation, local police and sheriff departments currently collect and report incident-level data on criminal offenses involving a firearm.
- The TBI will be required to pull the relevant data from TIBRS and provide a report twice per year; it is assumed the TBI can accomplish this with existing personnel and resources.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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